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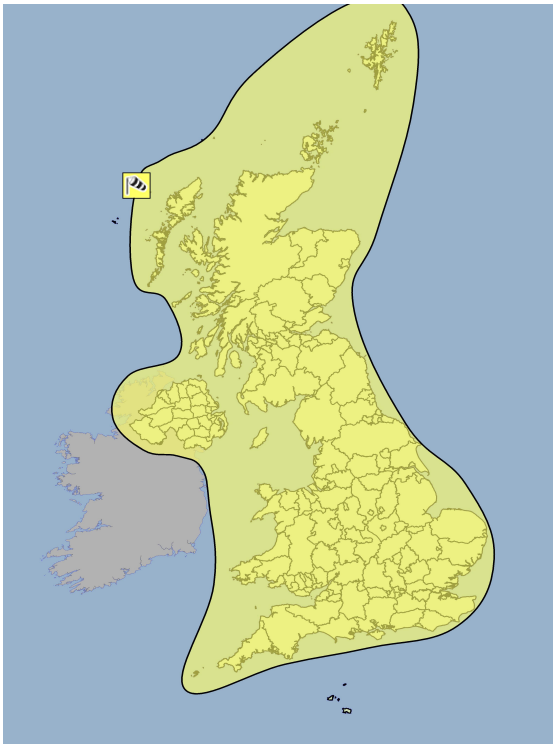

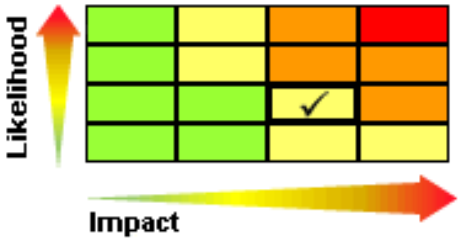

Chief Forecasters Assessment
Another exceptionally deep area of low pressure is expected to develop over the eastern Atlantic later on Thursday and track northeastwards close to western Britain through Friday. Associated strengthening winds are expected to increase to gale force in many areas and severe gale at times especially over exposed coasts and hills. Bands of heavy rain are also expected to affect many areas but particularly in the south and west, where a further 30 to 50 mm may fall.

At this stage there is still some uncertainty over the detail and this warning will be updated in the coming days.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Alert** of **Wind**

Valid from **00:05 on Fri, 27th Dec 2013** until **23:59 on Fri, 27th Dec 2013**

Another spell of stormy weather is expected to affect many areas, winds increasing later on Boxing Day but likely to peak during Friday. Gusts of 70-80 mph are possible especially in exposed parts of the west and south. Spells of heavy rain can also be expected, including areas that remain saturated from rainfall earlier in the week.

The public should be aware of the potential for disruption, especially where the high winds are combined with heavy rainfall. Please watch for updates to this warning over the coming days, especially those who have travel plans.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

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